



# First Press Lite

**FIRST EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKFORT, INDIANA**

*Focus on God, Equip God's People, Proclaim Christ, Change the World*

A monthly summary of activities at First Evangelical Presbyterian Church

December 2018

## Prayer with the Pastor

Continues each Monday @ 7:00 a.m.

## Communion Sunday

December 2

Observed in Morning Worship and at Wesley Manor at 1:30 p.m.

## Youth CLUE Night

4:00—7:00 p.m., December 2

All middle and high school students are invited and encouraged to invite a neighbor or friend.

## Quilts on Wings

Friday, December 14 @ 1:30 p.m.

## Christmas & New Years

Tuesday, December 25 and  
Tuesday, January 1

Church Offices **CLOSED**

## NO EVENING ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, December 26 and  
Wednesday, January 2

## NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

December 30

## Borrowing Policy

If you need to borrow tables, chairs or other equipment from the church, please be sure to check with Donnie Albitz to be sure it won't be needed or that it hasn't been reserved by someone else. The policy states that we will not lend out kitchen equipment.

# Merry Christmas

## Christmas Eve Worship

December 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Communion served

No other activities

## Parents Night Out

Saturday, December 8 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The youth group will host. Drop your kiddos off at church so you can go out to eat, catch a movie, shop, or take a nap! Donations are welcome as our teens raise money to purchase gifts for children in the hospital for our Honduras mission trip.

Please tell other community parents!

## Looking Ahead —

December 17 — NO Prayer with the Pastor

December 24 — Worship with Communion at 7:00 p.m.  
NO other activities.

December 25 & 26 — Church Offices **CLOSED**. NO activities.

December 30 — NO Sunday School

December 31— NO activities

January 1 & 2— Church Offices **CLOSED**. No activities.

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### Sunday Morning Schedule

Sunday Fellowship: 8:30 a.m. (coffee and donuts)  
Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School (all ages): 10:15 a.m.  
\*Staffed Nursery all morning

For week day staff office hours, please visit  
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## SERMON INFORMATION

### Advent

**Dec 2** - "Images of Advent: Our Potter"  
Isaiah 64:8

**Dec 9** - "Images of Advent: Our  
Shepherd"  
Isaiah 40:11

**Dec 16** - "Images of Advent: Our Living  
Branch"  
Isaiah 11:1 and 4:2

**Dec 23** - "Images of Advent: Our Guide"  
Isaiah 2:3

**Dec 24 - Christmas Eve - Communion**  
One service at 7:00 p.m.

**Dec 30** - "Images of Advent: Our King"  
Isaiah 9:6-7 and 7:14

## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

**Dec 2** - M. Copeland - Prophets

**Dec 9** - M. Copeland - Mary & Joseph

**Dec 16** - A. Trent - Shepherds

**Dec 23** - A. Trent - Magi

**Dec 30** - ?? - Christ Child

## MEAL DELIVERY

**Dec 7** Sally Rogers & Linda Frey

**Dec 14** Sally rogers & Linda Frey

**Dec 21** Doyle Rogers

**Dec 28** NO Delivery

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Focus on God — Equip God's People — Proclaim Christ — Change the World!

If you received this issue by U.S. mail but would like to receive First Press electronically, please email [kalen@fepcfrankfort.org](mailto:kalen@fepcfrankfort.org).

## Stephen Ministry at FEPC



At their November meetings, Elders and Deacons were invited to put their names in a drawing for a copy of the book *Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart*. Congratulations to Matt Crawford whose name was drawn! This book has lots of helpful suggestions on how to express caring to those who are suffering: what to say and what not to say, how to avoid platitudes, how to ask and then listen, prayers to use for yourself or with others. And of course, you don't have to be a Stephen Minister to care about others and show that care. I see many of you reaching out to others on a regular basis. So, here's a good prayer from the book for all of us:

*Lord, tune me in to you, and to the needs of the suffering one. Help me to balance on this tightrope of not-too-much-too-soon and not-too-little-too-late. Enable me to reach out with your love and be as consistent in my caring as you are in caring for me. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

If you find yourself or someone you care about overwhelmed with a life change, one of the most caring things you can do is to enlist the aid of a Stephen Minister. The Stephen Ministry Referral Coordinator, Marty Rodkey, may be reached at 765-379-3112, [marty@fepcfrankfort.org](mailto:marty@fepcfrankfort.org), or in person.



## Life in the Body of Christ

### Condolences to

- Fred Agnew and family, on the passing of Ann Agnew on November 4.
- Jeff Hardesty and family, on the passing of Jeff's father on November 20.

### Congratulations to

- Phoebe Smith, Marshall Smith, and Anne Himmelwright for being selected as County Gems for 2018 by the Clinton County Historical Society.

## Liberia Mission Fundraiser

Sunday, December 9

Please come hungry and with a heart to participate in the morning fellowship of coffee and treats.

The Liberia Mission team members (Cody Robbins, Caleb Calloway, Mark Calvin, Travis and Gina Sheets) will have available the fellowship breakfast treats, take home baked goodies, and snacks for a free will offering. There will also be handmade crafts to complete your last minute Christmas shopping.

Fellowship Hall will be open at 8:30 that morning for those of you who want an early start and again after worship with a delayed start to Sunday school, allowing extra time to consume, converse and shop!

The funds raised at this event will be divided between the five FEPC participants to help curb the cost of the trip. The team is traveling with eight other participants from around the USA to Liberia January 19<sup>th</sup> through February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

If you have items to donate for the crafts or baked good sale please contact Gina Sheets, 765-490-2644 or email [sheets.gina@yahoo.com](mailto:sheets.gina@yahoo.com).

Thank you for your support, participation, and prayers –

*Cody, Caleb, Mark, Travis, Gina*

## In Need of Prayer?

Updated cards can be found at the front of the sanctuary. Take one home and post it on your refrigerator to keep this information handy.

The FEPC Prayer Chain is facilitated by Sally Moore and may be accessed as follows:

- ★ Call Sally Moore at **765-605-3168**
- ★ Email Sally Moore at **brasilianheart@gmail.com**

Prayer requests are for the purpose of intercession only and are to be considered confidential. Before requesting prayer for someone else, be sure to ask their permission. Then include the person's name, the specific prayer request, and your name.

You can also use the Prayer Request form in the Sunday bulletin and drop it in the offering plate.

## Reserving Fellowship Hall

- Please be sure to contact the custodians as to how you would like the room to be arranged. There is a form available in the kitchen where you can describe this information. We like to ensure the usage is depicted on the schedule, but the details should be worked out with the custodians.
- Thanks so much for your help!

## January 2019 — A NEW CALLING

Are you looking for a way to serve in the New Year? Do you feel like there is something new you could be doing to explore the calling God has on his people to use their gifts to serve others? Have you ever considered a loss of hearing or loss of sense of smell to be a gift? Are you interested in having a lot of laughs?

There is a ministry in our church that provides opportunities for all of this and more. Your commitment would be one service every 2-3 months. It's pretty rewarding!

Questions? Contact: Amanda Trent



### Update from Bob Meredith

Date: Mon, Nov 5, 2018 at 1:33 PM

Subject: The trip was AWESOME! Life-Giving!

Greetings Fellow Travelers!

THANKS so much for your prayers and financial support for my trip to KENYA and ZAMBIA. Several times God confirmed that it was the right thing to do and I was in the 'right place'.

Tears. Laughs. Prayers. Time in the Word. Learning together.

Improving office systems that impact national leadership and long term ministry to the next generation! (And, uh, yea, I saw quite a few animals in Zambia. We'll leave it there.)

While I was gone, Patty had a few better days and WORSE days.

Generally, getting better but still some confusion. Am SO thankful for Michelle and Jeanne's gift of their TIME to be here with Patty and Doug & Faye staying with Patty the last few days!

This was a 'team sport'. Thanks for YOUR part on the team!!

Gratefully in Him, *Bob*

### Congregational Care Ministry

As a reminder, should any congregational care needs arise, you can contact the church office, your Elder Shepherd, or any of the members of the Congregational Care Committee:

Connie Timmons, Karen Biery, Joyce Peters or Patty Nash.

## Heifer International

For those who are interested in the Heifer International, there are copies of the "World Ark" and "The Most Important Christmas Catalog in the World" in the mission information display in the Fellowship Hall. Copies are limited, but you can easily get contact information from them. The "World Ark" has an excellent article on Honduras. The CEO of Heifer International also has an editorial in the front of the fall magazine.

If you are looking for a unique Christmas gift for the person who has everything, check out the Christmas catalog for great ideas.

### November Update from Felipe Colby

In honor of me freaking out looking at tickets for our family to fly (from Honduras to the US January 6<sup>th</sup> and then back to Tegucigalpa on June 5<sup>th</sup>) and seeing that the cheapest price I can find for the four of us is \$6,580 total (anyone have some Skymiles they want to donate?)...our theme is US airline names.

We are going to keep this simple and go in the *Spirit* directly to prayer requests/items of note:

1. Continued prayers for our time on this *American* adventure. We are all doing very well, but definitely the pace of life with our different responsibilities and more travel makes for the possibility of relationship issues if we are not careful.
2. Hard to put this out there, but we as a family need more *allegiant* support. Donations to the mission that are designated for our family have been down quite a bit this year (50% down the first six months of the year) While we are here to raise awareness and find more partners for His Eyes, we are asking for prayer about more financial/spiritual individual partners for our family as well. If you are so moved, you can send a check to the address at the bottom of this email.
3. Prayers for a *united* group going to Tegucigalpa for a mission trip with our family in December. There are seven signed up at this point. There is still time to sign up, let us know!
4. Praying for the three points of the *delta* in the Milk Project (parents, children, staff.)
5. We need donated supplies for the container that will ship from FAME in Indianapolis down *southwest* to Tegucigalpa next spring. (ok...really just south) [Contact Amy Crawford for a list of what you can donate, or if you just want to donate some cash for us to purchase medicines and supplies.]
6. Forgetting politics and nationalities for moment, we want to take a moment to pray for the caravan of mostly Hondurans walking to the final *frontier*...to the land of opportunity.

We love you guys. God is using your prayers, your emails, phone calls, and time together to encourage us and keep us going. We thank you so much!

INDNJC,  
Felipe, Valerie, Cecilia and Soren

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